

ATTACHMENT 1

Procedure code conversion chart for ambulance services

The following table lists the nationally recognized procedure codes that providers will be required to use when submitting claims for ambulance services. A future *Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update* will notify providers of the specific effective dates for Wisconsin Medicaid's implementation of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

Before HIPAA implementation		After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code	Local procedure code description	Replaced by HCPCS ¹ procedure code	HCPCS procedure code description	Multiple carry modifier
W9074	Miscellaneous services, isolette, up to three hours	A0225	Ambulance service, neonatal transport, base rate, emergency transport, one way	
W9075	Miscellaneous services, isolette, over three hours			
A0215	Miscellaneous services, disposable items	A0382*	BLS ² routine disposable supplies	
		A0384*	BLS specialized service disposable supplies; defibrillation (used by ALS ³ ambulances and BLS ambulances in jurisdictions where defibrillation is permitted in BLS ambulances)	
		A0392*	ALS specialized service disposable supplies; defibrillation (to be used only in jurisdictions where defibrillation cannot be performed by BLS ambulances)	
		A0394*	ALS specialized service disposable supplies; IV drug therapy	
		A0396*	ALS specialized service disposable supplies; esophageal intubation	
		A0398*	ALS routine disposable supplies	
		A0999*⁴	Unlisted ambulance service	
A0060	Miscellaneous services, waiting time	A0420	Ambulance waiting time (ALS or BLS), one-half (1/2) hour increments	
A0070	Miscellaneous services, oxygen	A0422*	Ambulance (ALS or BLS) oxygen and oxygen supplies, life sustaining situation	
W9078	Miscellaneous services, third attendant	A0424	Extra ambulance attendant, ground (ALS or BLS) or air (fixed or rotary winged)	

* Refer to Attachment 2 of this *Update* for a list of disposable medical supplies (DMS) that may be billed for each procedure code.

¹ HCPCS = Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System.

² Wisconsin Medicaid assigns Basic Life Support (BLS) status to all land ambulance providers with a Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) ambulance service provider license at the basic level.

³ Wisconsin Medicaid assigns Advanced Life Support (ALS) status to all land ambulance providers with a DHFS ambulance service provider license at the intermediate or paramedic level.

⁴ This code may be used for both DMS and ambulance services if a more specific code is unavailable.

Before HIPAA implementation		After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code	Local procedure code description	Replaced by HCPCS ¹ procedure code	HCPCS procedure code description	Multiple carry modifier
A0020	Ambulance emergency mileage	A0425	Ground mileage, per statute mile	
W9072	Ambulance nonemergency mileage			
W9082	Ambulance multiple carry mileage, two recipients			
W9083	Ambulance multiple carry mileage, three or more recipients			
W9081	Ambulance multiple carry base rate	A0426	Ambulance service, advance life support, non-emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1)	GM
		A0427	Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1 — emergency)	GM
		A0428	Ambulance service, basic life support, non-emergency transport (BLS)	GM
		A0429	Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (BLS — emergency)	GM
		A0433	Advance life support, level 2 (ALS 2)	GM
		A0434	Specialty care transport (SCT)	GM
A0150	Ambulance nonemergency base rate	A0426	Ambulance service, advance life support, non-emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1)	
		A0428	Ambulance service, basic life support, non-emergency transport (BLS)	
A0010	Ambulance emergency base rate	A0427	Ambulance service, advanced life support, emergency transport, level 1 (ALS 1 — emergency)	
		A0429	Ambulance service, basic life support, emergency transport (BLS — emergency)	
		A0433	Advance life support, level 2 (ALS 2)	
		A0434	Specialty care transport (SCT)	
W9060	Air ambulance, emergency base rate	A0430	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (fixed wing)	
W9062	Air ambulance, nonemergency base rate	A0431	Ambulance service, conventional air services, transport, one way (rotary wing)	
W9061	Air ambulance, emergency mileage	A0435	Fixed wing air mileage, per statute mile	
W9063	Air ambulance, nonemergency mileage	A0436	Rotary wing air mileage, per statute mile	
W9051	Miscellaneous services, ambulance first aid at the scene	T2006	Ambulance response and treatment, no transport	
A0050	Water ambulance, emergency rate	No national codes have been assigned. Providers should use the land ambulance procedure code (with modifiers, if applicable) that best describes the service provided.		
W9050	Water ambulance, nonemergency rate			

¹ Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System.